

**REMARKS**

**I. Status of the Claims**

Claims 1-18 are pending in this application. Claims 1, 5-7, and 14 were rejected and claims 2-18 were objected to in the Office Action dated December 16, 2003. Claims 1 and 5-7 have been amended to correct indefiniteness rejections for use of the phrase "and/or." Further, Applicants have amended claims 4-18 to correct the improper multiple dependent format.

**II. Rejection of Claims 1 and 5-7 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, ¶ 2**

Claims 1 and 5-7 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, ¶ 2 as being indefinite. Particularly, the Office states that Applicant's use of the phrase "and/or" renders the claims indefinite because "it is unclear whether the limitation(s) following the phrase are part of the claimed invention." In response, Applicants have amended Claims 1 and 5-7 to remove the phrase "and/or." Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of this rejection.

**III. Rejection of Claim 14 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, ¶ 2**

Claim 14 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, ¶ 2 as being indefinite. The Office states that the term/phrase "parting compounds" is unclear. Applicants traverse this rejection.

The term/phrase "parting compounds" is a direct translation of the German word "Trennmittel." Applicants have attached a copy of an excerpt from an English/German dictionary for the Examiner's convenience. This term/phrase has recognized meaning

in the art, and synonymous translations include "mold release" or "release agent." The term/phrase "parting compound" has been used by Applicants within the specification at page 8. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of this rejection.

**IV. Objection to Claims 2 and 3 as Dependent Upon Rejected Base Claim**

The Examiner has objected to Claims 2 and 3 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim. Rejected Claim 1, upon which Claims 2 and 3 were dependent, has been amended. Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the objection.

**V. Objection to Claims 4-18 under 37 CFR 1.75(c)**

The Examiner has objected to Claim 4 as being in improper form because "a multiple dependent claim should refer to other claims in the alternative only and cannot depend from any other multiple dependent claims." In response, Applicants have amended Claim 4 to correct the improper multiple dependency. Withdrawal of the objection is respectfully requested.

The Examiner has further objected to Claims 4-18 under 37 CFR 1.75(c) as being in improper multiple-dependent form. In response, Applicants have amended Claims 4-18. Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the objection.

**VI. Conclusion**

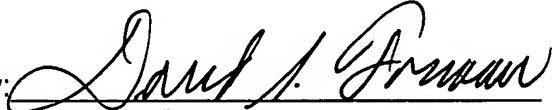
In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and reexamination of this application and the timely allowance of the pending claims.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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**Attachments:** Excerpt from German/English dictionary

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- Transphosphatase *f* transphosphatase  
 Transphosphorylase *f* transphosphorylase  
 Transphosphorylierung *f* transphosphorylation  
 Transport *m* transport[ation], shipment; transfer, transmission  
 Transportband *n* conveyer [belt], carrier roller  
 Transporteur *m* shipper, carrier, (Geom) protractor  
 Transportfilz *m* (Papier) conveyor felt  
 Transportgefäß *n* transport vessel  
 transportieren *to* transport  
 Transportkarren *m* transfer car  
 Transportkasten *m* transport case, portable box, transport box  
 Transportkontrolle *f* transfer check  
 Transportmittel *n* means of transportation  
 Trans-Stellung *f* (Stereochem) trans position  
 Transthiolierung *f* transthioation  
 Transuran *n* transuranic element, transuranium element  
 Transuranelemente *pl* transuranium elements  
 transversal transversal, transverse  
 Transversale *f* transversal  
 Transversalitätsbedingung *f* transversality condition  
 Transversalschwingung *f* transverse oscillation  
 Transversalwelle *f* transverse wave  
 transzendent transcendental  
 Trapez *n* trapezoid  
 trapezförmig trapeziform, trapezoidal  
 Trapezgewinde *n* acme thread, tapered thread  
 Trapezoeder *n* (Krist) trapezohedron  
 Trapezregel *f* trapezoidal rule  
 Trapezring *m* trapezoidal washer  
 Trapporphyr *m* (Min) porphyritic trap  
 Trappsandstein *m* (Min) trap sandstone  
 Trapptuff *m* trap tuff  
 Traß *m* trass, volcanic tuff  
 Traßbeton *m* trass concrete  
 Traßpapier *n* grey wrapping paper  
 Traubenachat *m* (Min) botryoid agate  
 traubenartig grapelike  
 Traubenblei *n* (Min) mimetite  
 Traubenessig *m* grape vinegar  
 Traubengärung *f* fermentation of grapes  
 Traubensäure *f* (obs. für Weinsäure) tartaric acid, racemische  $\sim$  racemic acid  
 Traubensaft *m* grape juice  
 Traubenstein *m* (Min) botryolite  
 Traubenzucker *m* d-glucose, grape sugar  
 Traufe *f* down spout  
 Traumaticin *n* traumaticin[e]  
 Traumatinsäure *f* traumatic acid  
 Traversellit *m* (Min) traversellite  
 Travertin *m* (Min) travertine  
 Treberbranntwein *m* marc brandy  
 treffen *to* hit, to strike, (begegnen) to meet  
 Treffer *m* hit  
 Treffertheorie *f* hit theory  
 Trefferwahrscheinlichkeit *f* probability of hits  
 Treffplatte *f* target  
 Treffpunkt *m* point of impact, point of incidence  
 Trehalase *f* (Biochem) trehalase  
 Trehalose *f* trehalose  
 Treibachse *f* driving axle  
 Treibarbeit *f* (Metall) cupellation  
 Treibdampfpumpe *f* booster type diffusion pump  
 Treibdüse *f* booster nozzle  
 Treibeisen *n* white pig iron  
 treiben *to* drive, to push, (gären) to ferment, (hämmern) to emboss  
 Treibgas *n* power gas  
 Treibhaus *n* green-house, hot-house  
 Treibmittel *n* (Pumpe) pump fluid, (Schaumstoff) aerating agent, blowing agent, expanding agent, foaming agent  
 Treibmittelfüllung *f* (Pumpe) pump fluid filling  
 Treibmittelrücklauf *m* (Pumpe) pump fluid return pipe  
 Treiböl *n* (Motor) motor fuel oil  
 Treibofen *m* cupell[ing] furnace, refining furnace  
 Treibprozeß *m* (Metall) cupellation, refining  
 Treibriemen *m* drive belt, driving belt, transmission belting  
 Treibschwefel *m* native sulfur  
 Treibstoff *m* fuel, power fuel, propellant  
 Treibstoffpumpe *f* fuel pump  
 Treibstoffraum *m* fuel cell  
 Treibstoffsynthese *f* motor fuel synthesis  
 Treibstoffzusatz *m* additive for fuels  
 Treibstrahl *m* driving jet, power jet  
 Treibverfahren *n* (Metall) cupellation, refining process  
 Treibzapfen *m* crank pin  
 Treitan *n* threitan  
 Tremolit *m* (Min) tremolite  
 Tremuloidin *n* tremuloidin  
 Trennanlage *f*, chemische  $\sim$  chemical separation plant  
 trennbar separable  
 Trennblech *n* baffle  
 Trenneinsatz *m* partition  
 trennen *to* separate, to sever, (auflösen) to resolve, (Elektr) to disconnect  
 Trennen *n* separating, dividing, (Elektr) disconnecting  
 Trenner *m* separator  
 Trennfaktor *m* separation factor, theoretischer  $\sim$  (Atom) ideal separation factor  
 Trennfestigkeit *f* resistance to separation  
 Trennfuge *f* partition line, parting compound line, der Blasform blow mold parting line, der Form mold parting line  
 Trennisolator *m* disconnecting insulator  
 Trennlinie *f* separating line  
 Trennmittel *n* mold release, parting compound, release agent  
 Trennmuffe *f* disconnecting box  
 Trennrohr *n* (Atom) separator tube  
 Trennsäule *f* separating column, separation column  
 Trennschärfe *f* discrimination, selectivity, separating capacity, separation sharpness  
 Trennschleuder *f* centrifuge separator  
 Trennschnitt *m* (Schweiß) separating cut  
 Trennstellung *f* spacing position  
 Trennung *f* disintegration, parting, severing, (Chem.) separation, (durch Filtrieren) filtering, (Teilung)